

HOUSE RESOLUTION 309  
By Fowlkes

A RESOLUTION to commend Robert Bentley Marlow for  
exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Robert Bentley Marlow is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for the House Judiciary Committee, which consists of: Joe Fowlkes, Chair; Kent Coleman, Vice Chair; Janis Sontany, Secretary; Rob Briley; Henri E. Brooks; Frank Buck; Jerome Cochran; Russell Johnson; Brian Kelsey; Kim McMillan; and Eric Watson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlow's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate student in the Philosophy Department at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Bentley Marlow is pursuing his philosophical interests in governance and public policy while preparing for a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlow, an Eagle Scout in Troop 374 in Crossville, achieved academic success as an undergraduate at the University of Tennessee while majoring in Philosophy with a minor in Political Science; after receiving his bachelor's degree in 2001, he lived and worked abroad in South Korea, teaching conversational English for a year; and

WHEREAS, before becoming a graduate student, he earned an Associate of Science degree in Paralegal/Pre-Law at Roane State Community College in Harriman in order to familiarize himself with legal research, writing, and process; and

WHEREAS, through the auspices of a full scholarship, Bentley Marlow attended the Trans-Atlantic Summer Academy at the University of Bonn, Germany, in the summer of 2005; the four-week conference focused on international relations and foreign policy in a post-September 11 world; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Marlow brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, his superlative academic accomplishments notwithstanding, Bentley Marlow is a homeowner in the inner-city neighborhood of Mechanicsville, and maintains a vested interest in Knoxville, the State of Tennessee, and its citizens; he is politically active, having voted in every election since turning eighteen years of age, including voting absentee from South Korea in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in addition to regularly writing letters to elected officials, Mr. Marlow has worked on the presidential election campaigns of 2000 and 2004, as well as on Chris Oldham's bid for District 14 in the House of Representatives elections last fall; and

WHEREAS, Bentley Marlow's personal interest in social and political philosophy demands a more hands-on approach than academia can afford; for this reason, upon completing the Master of Arts program, he intends to continue his studies in law school, which will provide him with the skills necessary to carry the social, political, and economic ideas he studied in graduate school into the world of political affairs; and

WHEREAS, he will be attending law school on the strength of the touted Senator Carl O. Koella Jr. Memorial Scholarship, a fitting reward for his unwavering dedication and focused approach in his pursuit of an education; and

WHEREAS, this young man's noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Robert L. and Debbie Marlow; his sister, Sarah; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, Bentley Marlow has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlow has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Robert Bentley Marlow, a young man of superior character, commitment, and values, for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the House Judiciary Committee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.